

# BRUNSWICK CO., ITS LIVE CAPITAL

The County With Great-  
est Variety of Soil and  
of Big Crops.

STRONG BANKS;  
BUSY MERCHANTS

Large Negro Industrial School.  
Splendid Public School Facili-  
ties—Good Roads Started.  
More to Come—Railway  
Shops Employing Many  
Men—Bright Future.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.  
Lawrenceville, Va., August 19.—  
There has been a great deal of talk  
in this region about the late drought,  
and while it has done a good deal  
of damage by way of cutting down the  
tobacco, hay and corn crops, the  
drought and its bad effects have been  
greatly exaggerated. Anyhow, the  
late good rains have brought out the  
crops amazingly, and old Brunswick  
is going to make a pretty good crop  
of tobacco, hay and corn, and a  
good deal to sell in spite of the  
drought. Old Brunswick is one of the  
greatest counties in the State in an  
agricultural way. Some few of its  
people are a little slow in catching on  
to modern farming methods, but they  
raise things all the same, and they  
are adopting new methods, slowly but  
surely. When the Jamestown Ex-  
position was on, Brunswick waited in  
and won the first prize for the best county  
agricultural exhibit, and that has been  
a big advertisement to the county, and  
has spurred the farmers on to greater  
and better things. The lands of the  
county are naturally rich and respond  
to improvements with wonderful celer-  
ity; the climate is ideal for agricul-  
tural purposes, the winters being cool  
and pleasant and the summers warm  
enough to mature crops, but not too  
hot to be uncomfortable, and good  
water abounds on every farm. All of  
these and other natural advantages  
have attracted a population without  
equal for industry, thrift, morality and  
other qualities, which make the best  
happiest and most independent rural  
life. Thus, with such citizenship,  
churches and schools have been erected  
within close reach of all, and every  
Sunday the word of God can be heard  
with no inconvenience, and the chil-  
dren can attend the public schools  
without trouble. The lands are rolling,  
and a healthier community cannot  
be found anywhere.

Three railroads cross the county,  
and place the farmers in close and  
immediate touch with the leading mar-  
kets of the world.

**In Greatest Variety.**  
That exhibit at the Jamestown Ex-  
position showed that Brunswick pro-  
duces a greater variety of crops and  
more kinds of things than any one  
county in Virginia, or any other State  
that I know of. It grows all of the  
grains, all of the grasses, all of the  
vegetables and all of the fruits, and  
then for strictly money crops the peo-  
ple of this county grow more cotton,  
perhaps, than any county in the State,  
any quantity of peanuts and a great  
deal of the best kind of tobacco. In  
late years farmers have been making  
hay also for a money crop and raising  
stock for the markets.

**Prosperous Land Owners.**  
The farmers in every part of the  
large county have been doing well for  
the past ten years, and in the main  
they are out of debt. The result is  
there have been vast improvements in  
school houses and school facilities, and  
in churches and church facilities, and  
I guess there is not a county in the  
State that shows a more gratifying  
increase in the value and appearance  
and conveniences of the country  
homes within the past ten years. And  
now the people are talking good roads,  
and what is more they are making  
them, as I will show further on. Taken  
altogether, the original home of the  
now world-famous Brunswick stew is  
in fine shape and at no time in its his-  
tory have the people been happier or  
more contented. It is very seldom  
nowadays that one hears of Brunswick  
boys leaving the farms for the cities  
and for other States. On the con-  
trary, and their fathers are coming  
here from other sections, and from  
other States. The census taken last  
year gives the county a population of  
21,582, which is an increase of about  
9 per cent over 1900, not counting the  
big increase in the town of Lawrenceville.

**Lawrenceville, the Live Town.**  
Lawrenceville, the county seat, has  
a population by the last census of 1-  
732, and this is an increase of 133 per  
cent, as compared with the census re-  
port of 1900. This count does not in-  
clude quite a number of families of  
men who have employment in the  
railway shops and other industries in  
the town and yet live beyond the cor-  
poration limits.

In a business way Lawrenceville is  
one of the liveliest among the small  
towns of Virginia. It has three  
flourishing banks, all of which own  
the houses they do business in, a trust  
company, thirty odd stores, some of  
which are very large establishments,  
which buy goods in carload lots, and  
various industries that give employ-  
ment to many people.

The largest industry is the division  
shops of the Southern Railway Com-  
pany, in which all of the repair and  
rebuilding work for the Danville-Nor-  
folk branch of the line is done, be-  
sides a large amount of similar work  
done for other divisions of the road.  
Over 200 men are employed in the  
railway shops.

**A Cotton Ginning Town.**  
Cotton ginning cuts quite a figure  
here in the proper season, more than  
200,000 pounds of cotton being ginned  
here every fall. This business is grow-  
ing as more and more cotton is being  
grown in this section every year. The  
roller mills within the town limits do  
a good business in grinding wheat and  
corn. The Lawrenceville Brick and  
Tile Company have quite a reputa-  
tion for the high grade brick they  
make to supply the builders of the  
town and to ship to various points

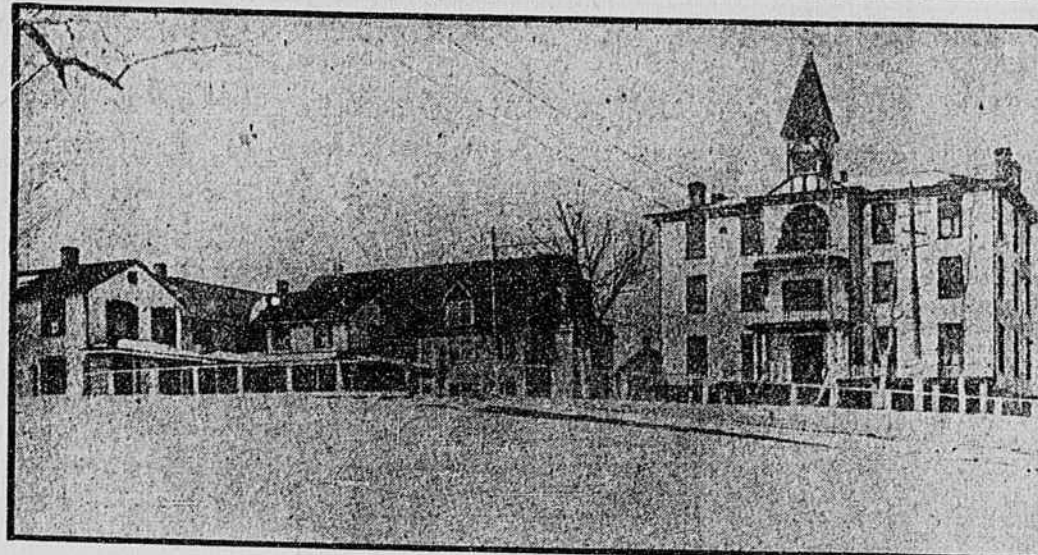
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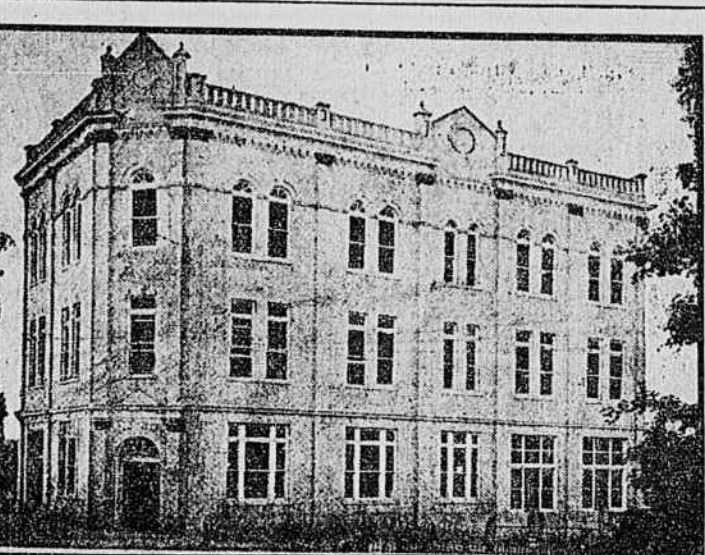
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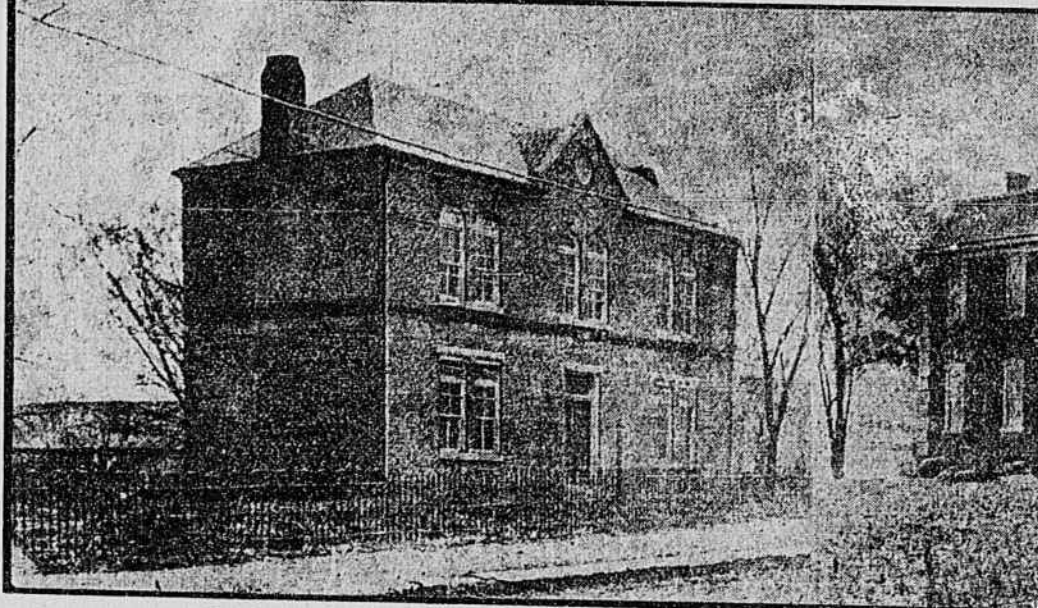
## IN AND AROUND TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE



Two of Normal School Buildings.



National Bank's Building.



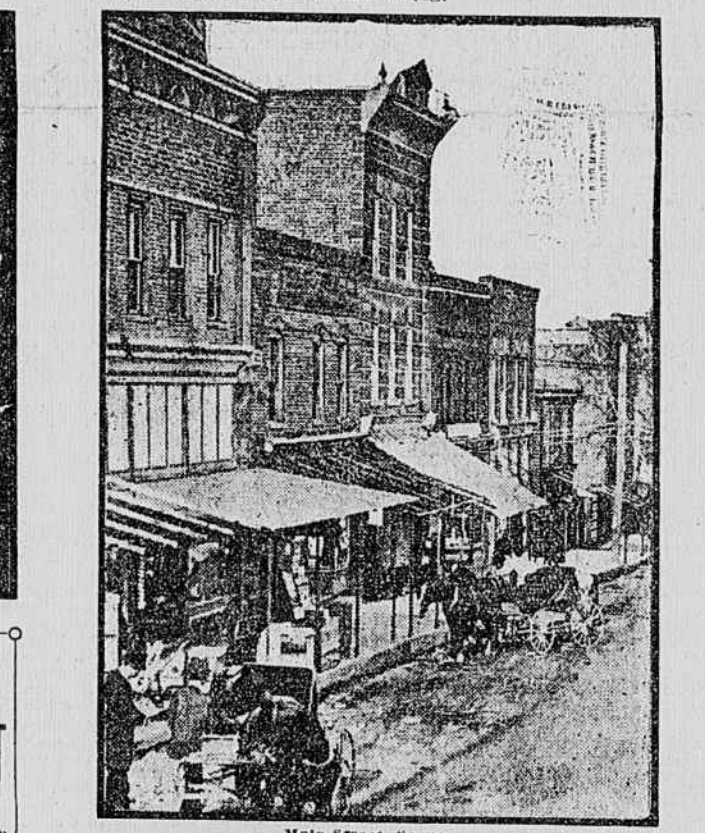
Brunswick's fireproof clerk's office.



Lawrenceville's High School Building.



Water power of Goodrich & Roney, near Lawrenceville.



Main Street Scene.

### CHEERING FIGURES FROM THE SOUTH

Manufacturing Activity in the  
Southland as Shown by the  
Census Bureau.

According to a summary made by the  
Manufacturers' Record of the cen-  
sus figures just made public, Southern  
manufacturing is now producing goods  
to the value of at least \$3,000,000,000  
annually, or more than twice as much  
as in 1900, and more than three times  
as much as in 1890, twenty-one years  
ago. The increase in the value of  
manufactured products in the South  
between 1900 and 1909 was about equal  
to the actual value of such products  
in 1900. In the twenty years between  
1890 and 1900 the annual value of  
the products of manufacturing in the  
South increased 215 per cent, while  
the increase in such value in the rest  
of the country was 135 per cent. Since  
1900, although there has not been as  
wide a divergence in the rates of in-  
crease in the annual value of manu-  
factured products in the South and in  
the rest of the country, the rate is  
still much greater in the South.

Of significance in this connection is  
the fact that whereas in 1890 the  
value of Southern agricultural prod-  
ucts was \$200,000,000 in excess of  
the value of manufactured products,  
Southern manufacturing has now an  
annual production that is \$100,000,000  
greater than the South's agricultural  
output, and that, notwithstanding  
the enormous increase in the value  
of agricultural products.

**More Railway Equipment.**  
The Seaboard Air Line has asked bids  
for \$1,500,000 of equipment to cover 1300  
freight cars, 10 passenger engines, 10 freight  
engines and 5 switching engines, which  
have been ordered.

The Southern Railway has ordered 5,000  
tons of rails from the Cambria Steel Co.,  
Cambria, Pa., and 5,000 tons from the Penn-  
sylvania Steel Co., Steelton, Pa.

### JARRATT MOVING TO BECOME TOWN

Well Located for Industries and  
Other Good Things, It Should  
Become Greater.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Jarratt, Va., August 19.—A move-  
ment is on foot here to get the peo-  
ple organized for work in the way of  
development. The village is splendidly  
located in Sussex county at the junction  
of the Atlantic Coast Line and the  
Virginia Railway. It is seventy-four  
miles from Norfolk, thirty from Peters-  
burg, and fifty-two from Richmond,  
and right in the heart of one of the  
best farming and best timbered sec-  
tions of the State. With its railway  
facilities, its nearness to large markets  
and the adaptability of the soil round  
about for trucking and heavier farm-  
ing, it would seem that Jarratt has  
been marked out as the point where a  
flourishing town of considerable pro-  
portions ought to grow instead of re-  
maining the straggling village it has  
been for so many years. It will  
grow to that kind of importance too  
if the people will get busy and let the  
outside world know somewhat of the  
advantages of the location for vari-  
ous industries. Some of the leading  
folks here are thinking that way, and  
the movement, headed by J. Meade  
Broadner, cashier of the Bank of Jar-  
ratt and several other wide-awake  
men has just this thing in view.

**WEST VIRGINIA GROWTH.**  
How Business Has Increased in the Moun-  
tain State Within Past Decade.  
Statistics gathered by the industrial de-  
partment of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-  
way show that the coal output of West Vir-  
ginia increased from 22,000,000 tons in 1900  
to 60,000,000 tons in 1910. In the same time  
the value of property increased from \$50-  
000,000 to \$1,100,000,000. In the same period  
the resources of national banks in West  
Virginia nearly tripled, increasing from  
\$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Individual deposits in  
national banks increased from \$15,000,000 to  
\$44,000,000. The capital invested in man-  
ufacturing interests advanced from \$40,000,000  
to \$130,000,000.

### BON AIR GETTING IN THE LIMELIGHT

Trolley Line Will Go There  
After Little Hitch Gets  
Straightened Out.

The trolley line that is to cross  
James River on the new bridge at  
Westhampton and penetrate an inter-  
esting and flourishing part of Ches-  
terfield county is scheduled to be com-  
pleted by next spring, and the fact  
that the grading on the south side  
of the river is being pushed and the  
cross-ties and rails are being hauled  
to the scene on both sides of the river  
is ample evidence that the job will  
be carried through on schedule time.

It is understood that the western  
terminus, as at present talked about,  
is to be at Rattlesnake Gate, on the  
south side of the Powhatan Pike,  
something like a quarter of a mile  
from the charming suburban settle-  
ment of Bon Air. There seems to be  
a little hitch of some kind between the  
Bon Air Land Company and the trolley  
line company, both sparring for  
position, perhaps, but there can be  
no doubt that this hitch will be  
straightened out before many moons,  
and the line will run right into the  
village. This extension is essential to  
the villagers, and likewise to the  
railroaders. Bon Air, with its lovely  
homes and the Bon Air Inn, a favor-  
ite summer home for a dozen or more  
Richmond families and numbers of  
young men, only needs a trolley line  
to make it the most popular summer  
outing place anywhere around Rich-  
mond, and also an all the year round  
suburb of Richmond. Of course, the  
car line will go there, and the  
now filled with summer guests, there  
being over fifty enjoying life there.

The land company has recently laid  
off a number of new streets, and is  
grading and improving the same. Lots  
are being also mortgaged off, and it is  
pretty certain that the company will  
soon be placing these on the market,  
although they have not done so yet;  
or, if they have, they have not made  
the fact public.

### VIEWS AND NEAR VIEWS; HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Cause of Increased Land Values—The Sugar Beet  
in Virginia—Realty Versus Stocks—Plain  
Talk to Ambitious Villagers—Other  
Thoughts and Hints.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON,  
Industrial Editor.

Commenting upon the fact that cen-  
sus figures show that farm lands in  
Virginia have doubled in value in the  
last decade the Richmond Evening  
Journal says:

"This is only the beginning of what  
Virginia lands will be worth in the  
years to come. People who have been  
'land poor' only need to hold their  
lands a few years more to become land  
rich."

That is a rather curious proposition.  
What has made Virginia land worth  
double as much in 1911 as it was in  
1901? The fact that large land own-  
ers have sold off to small farmers who  
have improved the lands, made them  
produce more and kept them in good  
producing condition. Take the Nor-  
wegian settlement at Norge, on the  
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway between  
Richmond and Newport News, for in-  
stance. Seven or eight years ago,  
through the efforts of the industrial  
department of the Chesapeake and  
Ohio Road, two or three enormous  
farms in James City county were put  
on the market. They were cut up in-  
to small tracts of from fifty to 150  
acres and sold to these Norwegians  
and Swedes, who have worked them  
on the intensive farming plan, improv-  
ed them and made money. They bought  
these lands for about \$10 to \$15 per  
acre. To-day you can't buy an acre  
of them for \$100 per acre. If the

people who are "land poor," that is  
holding thousands of acres that are  
lying idle and not being improved or  
made to produce, keep on holding them  
in that way, said lands will not in-  
crease in value a cent, and the de-  
luded holders will remain "land poor."  
Smaller farms well worked and cared  
for make the increased values.

**As to the Sugar Beet.**  
Efforts are being made to grow the  
sugar beet in Central Ohio, and to  
that end the Chamber of Commerce of  
Columbus, bought 600 packages of  
seed and distributed them among  
farmers in that region. While the  
dry weather of the spring and in mid-  
summer was a bad setback, the Ohio  
State Journal shows that the experi-  
ment is likely to be fairly successful.  
That paper says:

"At the Ohio State University there  
is a large field of beets, which are as  
fine as can be raised in any section  
at present, with two months yet to  
grow, analysis from 11 to 12 per cent  
of sugar, but this field had excellent  
care from men who knew how to raise  
the beets."

I wonder if any experiments have  
been made with the sugar beet in  
Virginia. The varied soil of this State  
can grow anything that can be pro-  
duced in any State in the Union, the  
sugar beet included. At least that is  
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Want Ads.,  
Agriculture,  
Commerce.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

### REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

Bottom Facts About the  
Theatre, the New Hotel  
and New Skyscraper.

### AMUSING RUMOR RUN TO THE EARTH

Business Property in Active De-  
mand, and Some Big Sales  
Made—Residence Property  
Sales—Money Plentiful and  
Home Builders Are Get-  
ting It.

"This has been the best August week  
in all real estate lines I have ever  
known since I have been in the busi-  
ness; not the best week, mind you,  
for the midsummer dullness is not all  
over yet, but the best August week."  
Thus spoke a prominent real estate  
man to the man of news yesterday, and  
his views were concurred in by nearly  
all of the agents.

However, the business of the week  
was scattering, some agents piling up  
the commissions in a goodly manner  
and others doing little or nothing. The  
general and almost urgent inquiry for  
business property and the increasing  
demand for residential sites is en-  
couraging and presages such a lively  
fall business that none of the agents  
are willing to say the real estate busi-  
ness is dull. That is good news indeed;  
for the men who talk about real estate  
as well as the men who have to  
write about it are getting very tired  
of the words "summer dullness," and  
they are glad September is near at  
hand, when there will be no more  
summer, even if all of the dullness  
does not depart with it.

**Big Building Talk.**  
The air has been full of rumors all  
the past week about big building  
operations for the near future. The  
semi-sensational talk about the new  
theatre on the site of the Park Hotel,  
at Ninth and Broad, about a new hotel  
of gigantic proportions at Eighth and  
Grace, and a twenty-two story sky-  
scraper at Eleventh and Main have  
been told and retold and printed and  
reprinted, and there has been no little  
guessing going on as to who is behind  
the last named proposition, which in-  
volves, with the land included, con-  
siderably more than \$500,000.

Up to the present writing the only  
one of these three propositions that  
is dead sure is the theatre. That will  
certainly be built, the arrangements  
having all been made and the plans  
agreed upon, but the other two are  
yet in the air. A hotel may go up at  
the Eighth and Grace streets corner,  
or it may not. The owner of the  
ground is still thinking about it, and  
Mr. Wallerstein is a man who does a  
lot of thinking before he acts on a  
large scale, and sometimes he thinks  
in several different directions at one  
and the same time. In what direction his  
thinking may carry him while he is  
off on his vacation no one can now  
tell.

**An Amusing Rumor.**  
As to the twenty-two story sky-  
scraper Pollard & Bagby, who are en-  
gineering the matter, are still uncer-  
tain as to the outcome of the propo-  
sition, and J. J. Pollard, of that firm,  
had nothing to add yesterday to his  
former statement that the purchase of  
such a skyscraper if they want to,  
and that they think it a profitable  
investment. Mr. Pollard thinks the  
tall house will go up, but no definite  
steps have yet been taken.

An amusing rumor, as it turned out  
to be, got in the air Friday night. It  
was to the effect that Thomas Fortune  
Ryan, of New York, had jumped into  
the Richmond real estate market and  
celebrated the jump with a \$500,000  
purchase of business property as an  
investment. The rumor flew all over  
town, and as a matter of course it got  
the agents excited, for it was easy to  
assume that if the multimillionaire  
had started in with a deal of that  
kind he would likely be an immense  
plunger in the Richmond real estate  
field. The man of news interviewed  
the owner of the valuable property  
said to have been sold to Mr. Ryan,  
and learned that the said owner and  
a local man whose name sounds very  
much like Ryan, but is not that by a  
large majority, had been doing some  
little dickerings, but nothing had come  
of it, and the deal was entirely off.

**Valuable Business Property Sold.**  
The big deal of the week was pulled  
off by N. W. Boyce & Son. They sold  
by N. W. Boyce & Son, a well-known  
manufacturer, valuable property on  
Byrd Street, between Tenth and Ele-  
venth, owned by W. J. Whitehurst and  
A. B. Eddins. The price was \$165,000.  
Mr. Whitehurst estimates that a big manu-  
facturing plant is on the purchased  
property. Possibly another  
plant for the manufacture of electrical  
machinery will be erected and equip-  
ped, the one that Mr. Willis now runs  
in South Richmond being overcrowded  
with machinery, and an enlargement in  
South Richmond being being only a  
question of short time.

J. Thompson Brown & Company sold  
last week for the Capital Realty Com-  
pany a handsome residence on the  
Boulevard and Kensington Street, op-  
posite the Battle Abbey property. The  
price was \$18,000. The purchaser is a  
prominent business man, will make  
this his permanent home. This firm  
also sold a West Broad Street home  
for \$14,000. Other sales of smaller  
dimensions and in various parts of  
the city ran their total up to \$40,000  
for the week. No wonder the junior  
member of the firm smiled when he  
said he was not experiencing any mid-  
summer dullness just now.

**Other Good Sales.**  
Amos & Finkdexter, who have just  
moved into their handsome new offices,  
200 and 201 Travelers' Insurance  
Building, celebrated the event by sell-  
ing exactly \$31,000 worth of property.  
Among these sales were some vacant  
property on West Main, which is to  
be improved, a Main Street dwelling  
and properties in Highland Park and  
in Fulton.

William E. Purcell, Jr., Company re-  
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